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GABRIEL, THIS IS CRAZY.
WHAT'S SO CRAZY ABOUT IT?
WELL, I MEAN, C'MON, O'HARA. WHY DON'T WE JUST GO TO MY PLACE INSTEADA, Y'KNOW, DOIN' IT THE BACK SEAT OF YOUR CAR?
YOU C'MON, KASEY. YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS TELLING ME TO SEIZE THE MOMENT.
AND THIS IS THE MOMENT, AND YOU'RE HERE...
AND I WANNA SEIZE IT.
OOOOHHH... OKAY, O'HARA. BUT I'M WARNIN' YOU...
... IF SOMEBODY COMES ALONG AND EMBARRASSES ME, I'LL KILL YA.
HEY?! WHAT THE SHOCK--!?!

KASEY NASH...
YOU ARE TO ACCOMPANY THIS ONE, IMMEDIATELY.
LACK OF RESISTANCE WILL DIRECTLY RESULT IN LACK OF PERFORATION.
HEY!!
WHO THE SHOCK DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?!
THIS ONE KNOWS WHO "THE SHOCK" HE IS. YOUR IDENTITY IS UNKNOWN, AND IRRELEVANT.
OOOF
YOUR BEST INTERESTS WOULD BE SERVED IN KEEPING IT THAT WAY.
KASEY NASH...
YOU WERE NOT LISTENING.
GET AWAY FROM HER, YOU--!
HUH?!!
AND YOU, YOUNG ONE...
... ARE NOT WORTH LISTENING TO.
THIS ONE HAS FAR BETTER THINGS TO DO.
O'HAAAARRAA!
KASEY! DON'T WORRY! I'LL GET YOU OUT OF THIS!!
OHHHHH, BROTHER!

BABYLON TOWERS, A NICE PLACE TO LIVE... WHEN YOU'RE NOT BEING ROUSTED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
ALL RIGHT, STONE. WHAT IN THE SHOCK DO YOU--
WHOOOAAAA!!
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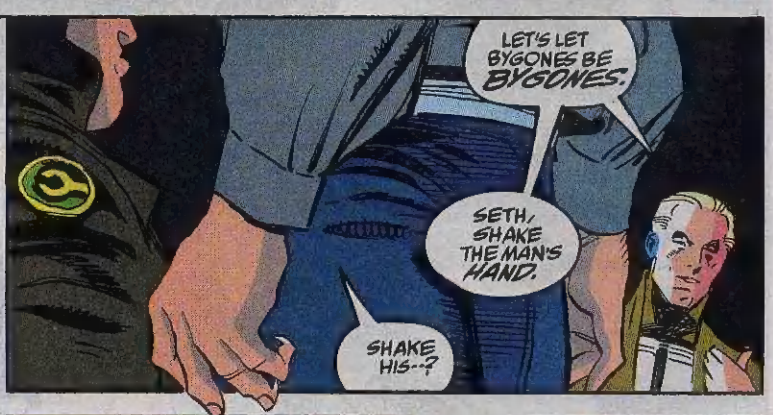
ONLY AN EMPTY ONE, TYLER.
SERGEANT! BEING A TAD OVERZEALOUS, AREN'T WE?
MIKE, HERE IS NO THREAT. ARE YOU, MIKE?
THERE. YOU SEE? PUT HIM DOWN, SERGEANT.

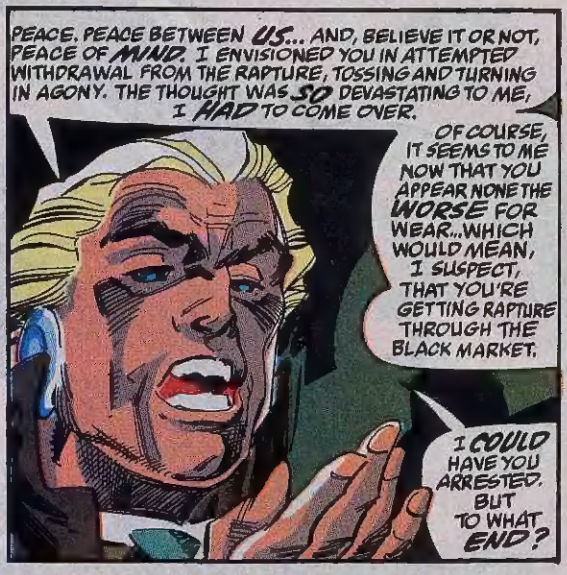
TYLER STONE. YOU WERE NOT LISTED ON MIGUEL'S SOCIAL CALENDAR. WOULD YOU LIKE SOME RE-FRESHMENT?
MIGUEL HAS REPEATEDLY STATED YOU LIKE TO SUCK THE BLOOD OF WIDOWS AND ORPHANS. THERE'S NONE IN THE 'FRIDGE, BUT PERHAPS SOME COFFEE...?
CHARMING HOLD YOU HAVE, MIKE.
THANKS, TY. I LIKE HER BETTER THAN I LIKE MOST PEOPLE.

PRESENT COMPANY INCLUDED, OF COURSE.
OH, MIKE. HOW CAN YOU NURSE A GRUDGE?
I HAVE TOUGH NIPPLES.

SERGEANT SETH, HERE IS ON A BIT OF A HAIR-TRIGGER, MIKE. WE ALL ARE.
THIS "SPIDER-MAN" FELLOW HAS US ON EDGE. AND THE BOARD FELT THAT I SHOULDN'T TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHOUT BODYGUARDS. THEY'RE WORRIED SPIDER-MAN MIGHT COME AFTER ME NEXT. IN FACT, THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.


LET'S LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.
SETH, SHAKE THE MAN'S HAND.
SHAKE HIS--?

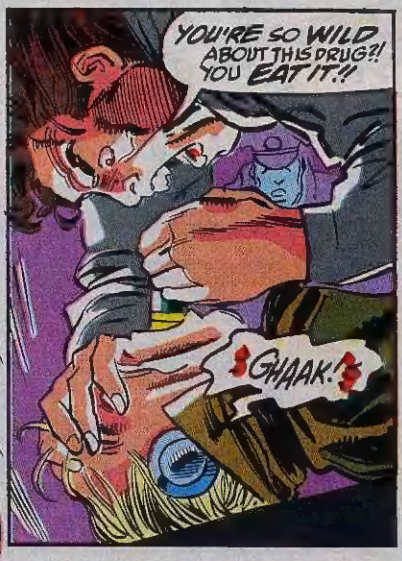
HE CAN KEEP HIS HAND. WHAT DO YOU WANT?


PEACE. PEACE BETWEEN US... AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, PEACE OF MIND. I ENVISIONED YOU IN ATTEMPTED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE RAPTURE, TOSSING AND TURNING IN AGONY. THE THOUGHT WAS SO DEVASTATING TO ME, I HAD TO COME OVER.
OF COURSE, IT SEEMS TO ME NOW THAT YOU APPEAR NONE THE WORSE FOR WEAR...WHICH WOULD MEAN, I SUSPECT, THAT YOU'RE GETTING RAPTURE THROUGH THE BLACK MARKET.
I COULD HAVE YOU ARRESTED. BUT TO WHAT END?

THIS, MIKE, IS MORE RAPTURE. AND WE DO WANT YOU BACK AT THE COMPANY, MIKE. WE DO.
SPIDER-MAN DEALT US SOME MAJOR DAMAGE. WE NEED SOMEONE TO SPEARHEAD THE CORPORATE RAIDER PROGRAM. ONLY YOU CAN DO IT.
SO LET'S CONSIDER THIS... AN ADVANCE ON SERVICES TO BE RENDERED?

YOU WANT SERVICES, TY?

GREAT! WE'LL START WITH FUNERAL SERVICES! YOURS!


YOU'RE SO WILD ABOUT THIS DRUG?! YOU EAT IT?!
GHAAK!

LOOK WHAT TRYING TO SHAKE IT DID FOR ME, TY! FANGS! TALONS!

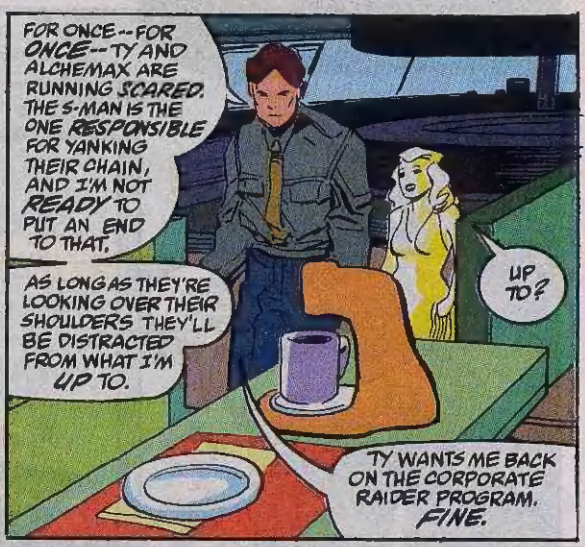
EEEAARRHA!
ONE SIDE, PUBLIC EYE-SORE! I WANT TO SEE TY'S PASTY FACE WHEN I TELL HIM...
MIGUEL O'HARA IS SPIDER-MAN!!

IF ALCHEMAX IS WORRIED ABOUT SPIDER-MAN NOW, JUST WAIT.! IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE! A LOT WORSE!
BUT LUCKY YOU, TY! YOU WON'T BE THERE TO SEE IT!
YOU'LL BE ENRAPTURED! UNLESS, OF COURSE...
I JUST TEAR YOUR THROAT OUT WITH MY TEETH, AND--!
MIKE?
YOU OKAY?
HMM?
JUST...JUST LETTING MY MIND WANDER, TY.
IT IS THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, AFTER ALL.
THEN WE'LL GET OUT OF YOUR WAY AND LET YOU GET SOME SLEEP. BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU BACK AT WORK IN THE MORNING.
AND I SWEAR... WE'LL PLAY THINGS YOUR WAY. NO TESTING ON HUMAN SUBJECTS UNTIL YOU'RE READY FOR IT. WE SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOU, MIKE. NOT AARON DELGATO.
HE WAS PUSHING US, RUSHING US... AND NOW WE KNOW IT WAS IN ORDER TO RUIN OUR PROJECT.
WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS, MIKE?
AARON DELGATO IS OUR MYSTERIOUS SPIDER-MAN.
HERE'S THE RAPTURE.
PLEASANT DREAMS.

LATVERIA...
THIS...
...THIS IS A BIT OF TIMING THAT CANNOT BE IGNORED.
I RETURN.
AND HE RETURNS.
I HAVE NEVER BELIEVED IN COINCIDENCE. THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF PERSONAL DESTINY, YES...
BUT COINCIDENCE IS A CRUTCH FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT WALK THE PATHS OF FATE UNAIDED.
THE ADVENT OF SPIDER-MAN WILL BEAR FURTHER EXPLORATION... AS SOON AS I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND RESOURCES.
AFTER ALL, I ENCOUNTERED HIM EARLY IN HIS FIRST CAREER. AND DOCTOR DOOM HAS ALWAYS HAD GREAT RESPECT FOR TRADITION.

THIS IS A DEVIATION IN STANDARD CLOTHING HABITS FOR YOU, MIGUEL.
GENERALLY, YOU DO NOT WEAR UNDER-GARMENTS OF ANY KIND.
WHY DON'T YOU BROADCAST THAT A LITTLE LOUDER, LYLA.
I DO NOT HAVE BROADCAST FACILITIES, MIGUEL, BUT I CAN INCREASE VOLUME TO--
FORGET IT.
THE FACT IS, I STILL DON'T TRUST STONE. HE MIGHT HAVE THE APARTMENT SEARCHED. THE LAST THING I NEED IS THAT HE FINDS THE COSTUME HERE.
BUT HE'S TOO CAGEY TO BODY-SEARCH ME. WOULDN'T WANT TO TIP HIS HAND IF THE STUFF ABOUT AARON WAS A BLUFF. AND IF HE DOES TRY TO SEARCH ME, WELL...IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE...
I CAN REALLY SHOVE BACK NOW.
UHHHH...
DID IT! I FLATTENED THE TALONS!
THE NEURAL RESPONSES TO MAKE MY POWERS FUNCTION ARE ALREADY IN PLACE. IT'S JUST A MATTER OF DEVELOPING THEM.
IF YOU ARE CONCERNED THE COSTUME WILL BE DISCOVERED, WHY NOT SIMPLY DESTROY IT?

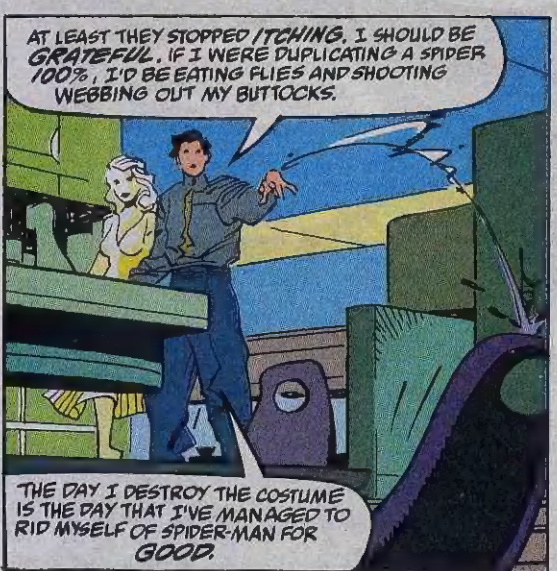
FIRST OFF, DESTROYING CLOTHES MADE FROM UNSTABLE MOLECULES ISN'T THAT EASY. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT OF THEM.
SECOND, YOU SAW HOW JUMPY OL' TY WAS ABOUT THE SPIDER-MAN.


FOR ONCE--FOR ONCE--TY AND ALCHEMAX ARE RUNNING SCARED. THE S-MAN IS THE ONE RESPONSIBLE FOR YANKING THEIR CHAIN, AND I'M NOT READY TO PUT AN END TO THAT.
AS LONG AS THEY'RE LOOKING OVER THEIR SHOULDERS THEY'LL BE DISTRACTED FROM WHAT I'M UP TO.
UP TO?
TY WANTS ME BACK ON THE CORPORATE RAIDER PROGRAM. FINE.

EVEN THOUGH THE LAB WAS BLOWN UP, THEY STILL HAVE PLENTY OF GREAT RESEARCH FACILITIES. FACILITIES I CAN USE TO TRY AND FIND A CURE FOR MY...

...SITUATION.

I CAN ALSO RESEARCH WHAT OTHER BIOLOGICAL SURPRISES MY CHANGE MIGHT HAVE IN STORE... SO I CAN ANTICIPATE THEM.
LIKE, KNOWING THE SPINNERETS WERE COMING IN WOULD HAVE HELPED.


AT LEAST THEY STOPPED ITCHING. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL. IF I WERE DUPLICATING A SPIDER 100%, I'D BE EATING FLIES AND SHOOTING WEBBING OUT MY BUTTOCKS.
THE DAY I DESTROY THE COSTUME IS THE DAY THAT I'VE MANAGED TO RID MYSELF OF SPIDER-MAN FOR GOOD.

HAVE A NICE DAY AT THE OFFICE, DEAR!

MIGUEL! OVER HERE!
GABRIEL, NICE TO SEE MY BROTHER IS STILL TALKING TO...
... ME?
UH... GABÉ...?
WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN EASIER TO BUY A CONVERTIBLE?
BABYLON TOWERS
JUST GET IN THE CAR, WILL YA, MIG?
NO LECTURES?
NONE. I SWEAR.
LOOK, THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH KASEY. THAT'S HOW MY CAR GOT "REDECORATED."
IS THIS HOLO ON THE DASHBOARD HER?
YEAH.
SO THAT'S THE CHARMER YOU KEEP GOING ON ABOUT. THE ONE WHO "RAISED YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS."
STOP SOUNDING SO SMUG, MIG. SHE OPENED MY EYES ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS COUNTRY, THAT'S ALL. THE SAME WAY MY "LECTURES" WERE TRYING TO OPEN YOURS.
YEAH, RIGHT, AND BEFORE KASEY IT WAS LEILANI, AND YOU BECAME A PHYSICAL FITNESS NUT. YOU [redacted] A HOME GYM SET THAT TOOK UP YOUR ENTIRE APARTMENT.
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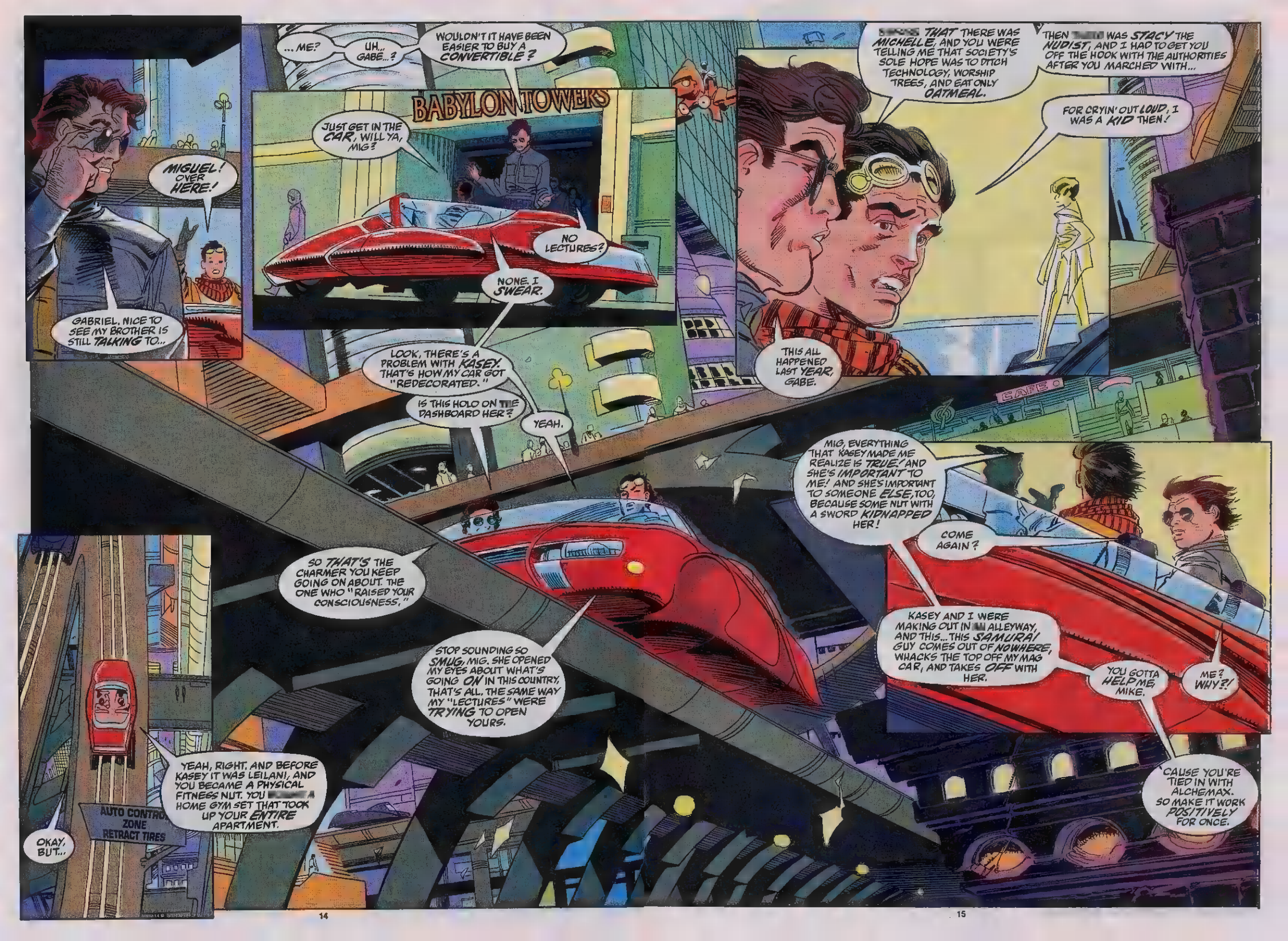
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THEN [redacted] WAS STACY THE NUDIST, AND I HAD TO GET YOU OFF THE HOOK WITH THE AUTHORITIES AFTER YOU MARCHED WITH...
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, I WAS A KID THEN!
THIS ALL HAPPENED LAST YEAR, GABE.
CAFE
MIG, EVERYTHING THAT KASEY MADE ME REALIZE IS TRUE! AND SHE'S IMPORTANT TO ME! AND SHE'S IMPORTANT TO SOMEONE ELSE, TOO, BECAUSE SOME NUT WITH A SWORD KIDNAPPED HER!
COME AGAIN?
KASEY AND I WERE MAKING OUT IN [redacted] ALLEYWAY, AND THIS... THIS SAMURAI GUY COMES OUT OF NOWHERE, WHACKS THE TOP OFF MY MAG CAR, AND TAKES OFF WITH HER.
YOU GOTTA HELP ME, MIKE.
ME? WHY?!
'CAUSE YOU'RE TIED IN WITH ALCHEMAX. SO MAKE IT WORK POSITIVELY FOR ONCE.
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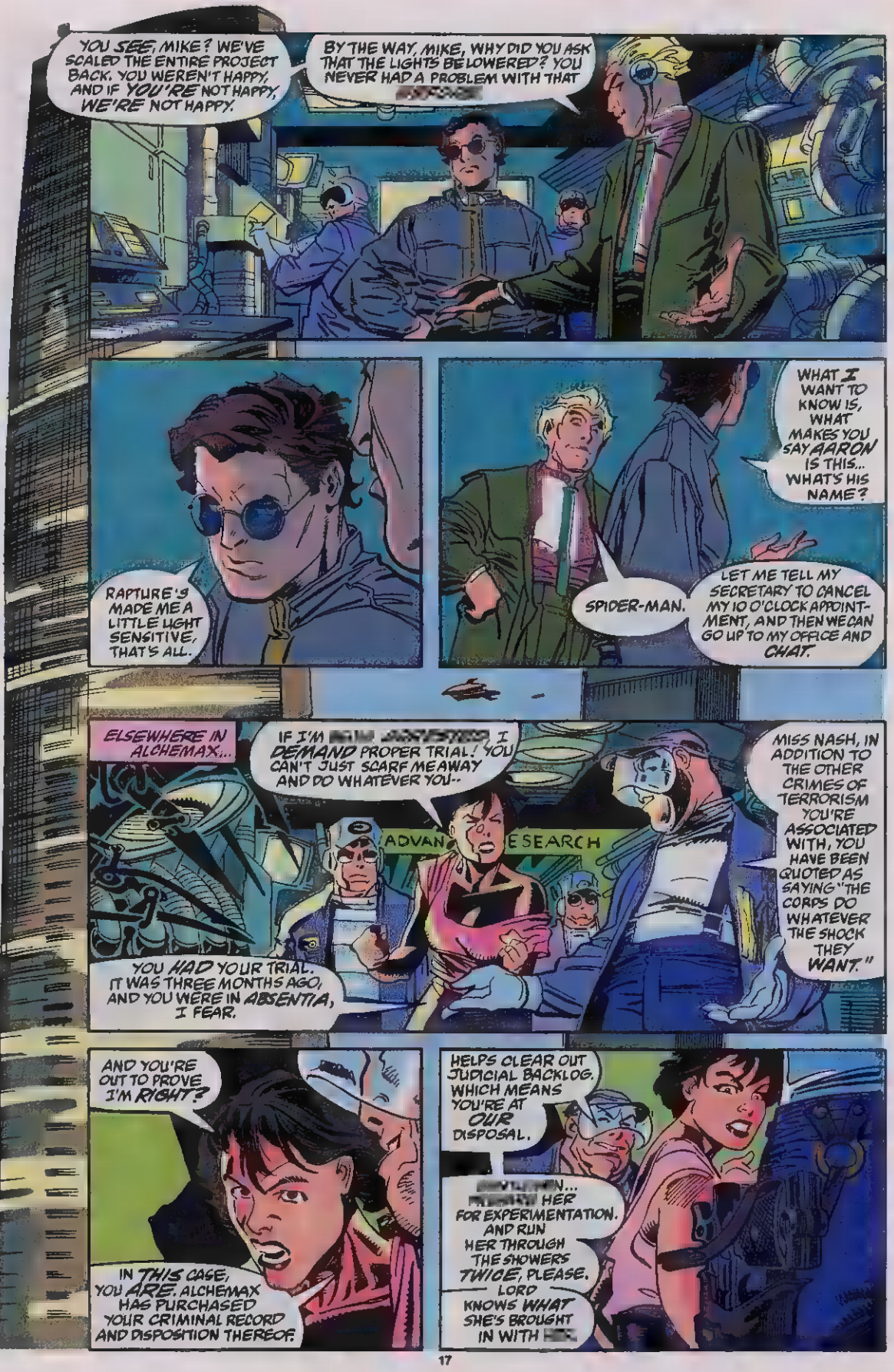
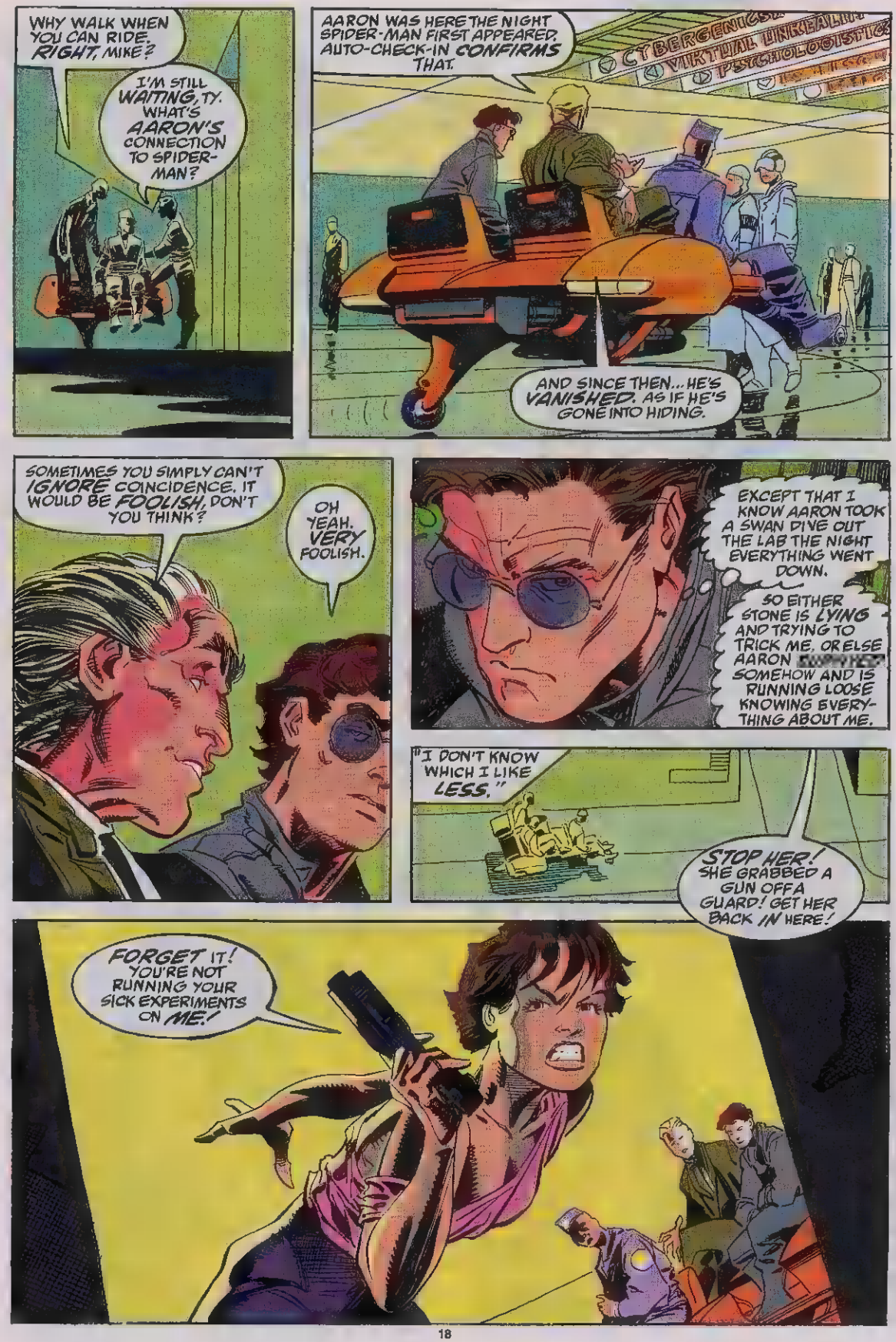
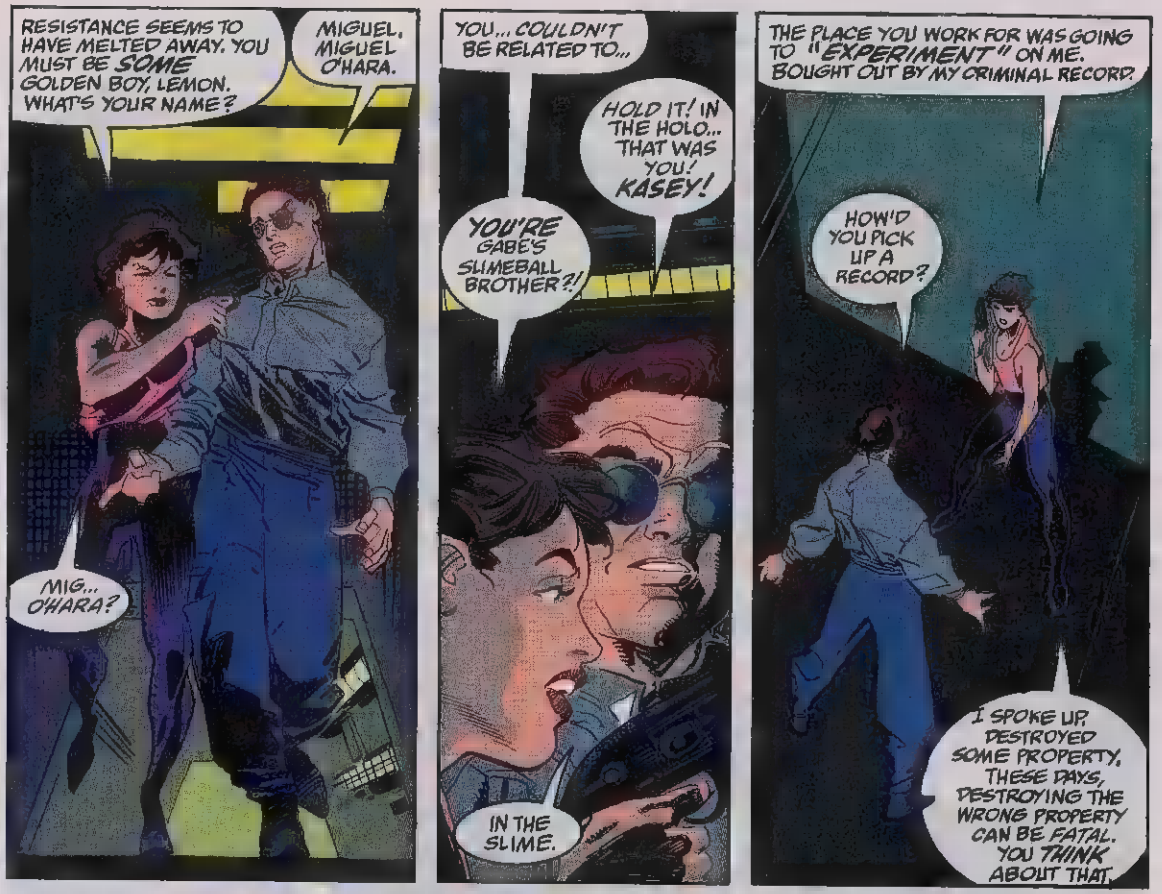
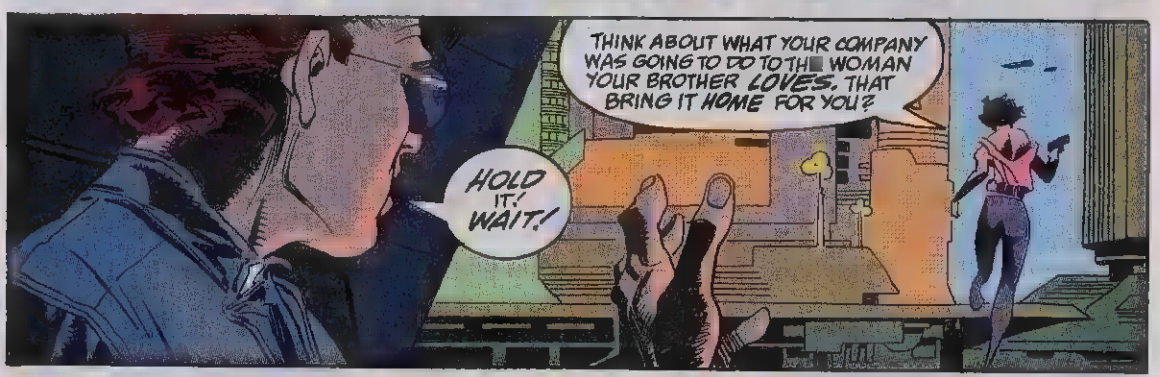
I REPORTED THE KIDNAPPING TO THE PUBLIC EYE, BUT NOTHING'S GONNA HAPPEN, 'CAUSE I DON'T RATE.
YOU... THE FUTURE... THE CORPS
BUT YOU...YOU'RE HOT STUFF. HAVE THEM LOOK INTO IT. ASSIGN A DETECTIVE.
SOME-THING.
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN, GABE. NO PROMISES. BUT FROM THINGS YOU'VE TOLD ME IN THE PAST...
... ABOUT THE KINDS OF NUTS KASEY RUNS AROUND WITH... WELL, THIS MIGHT BE SOME INTRAGROUP SQUABBLE.
IT MIGHT BE NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS. IT'S SURE NONE OF MINE.
I LOVE HER, MIG! MAYBE THAT DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, BUT IT DOES TO ME!
A CHEMAX
BIONEERING
DIVISION
MANUAL CONTROL ZO
500 M
I DO. AND BESIDES...
IT IS YOUR BUSINESS. YOU'VE GOT POWER, MIGUEL. AND KASEY TOLD ME THAT WITH GREAT POWER MUST COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
YOU REALLY SOUND LIKE YOU MEAN IT THIS TIME, GABRI.
...
KASEY READS TOO MANY FORTUNE COOKIES.


YOU SEE, MIKE? WE'VE SCALED THE ENTIRE PROJECT BACK. YOU WEREN'T HAPPY, AND IF YOU'RE NOT HAPPY, WE'RE NOT HAPPY.
BY THE WAY, MIKE, WHY DID YOU ASK THAT THE LIGHTS BE LOWERED? YOU NEVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH THAT
RAPTURE'S MADE ME A LITTLE LIGHT SENSITIVE, THAT'S ALL.
WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, WHAT MAKES YOU SAY AARON IS THIS... WHAT'S HIS NAME?
SPIDER-MAN.
LET ME TELL MY SECRETARY TO CANCEL MY 10 O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT, AND THEN WE CAN GO UP TO MY OFFICE AND CHAT.
ELSEWHERE IN ALCHEMAX...
IF I'M [redacted] I DEMAND PROPER TRIAL! YOU CAN'T JUST SCARF ME AWAY AND DO WHATEVER YOU--
ADVAN ESEARCH
YOU HAD YOUR TRIAL. IT WAS THREE MONTHS AGO, AND YOU WERE IN ABSENTIA, I FEAR.
MISS NASH, IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER CRIMES OF TERRORISM YOU'RE ASSOCIATED WITH, YOU HAVE BEEN QUOTED AS SAYING "THE CORPS DO WHATEVER THE SHOCK THEY WANT."
AND YOU'RE OUT TO PROVE I'M RIGHT?
IN THIS CASE, YOU ARE. ALCHEMAX HAS PURCHASED YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD AND DISPOSITION THEREOF.
HELPS CLEAR OUT JUDICIAL BACKLOG. WHICH MEANS YOU'RE AT OUR DISPOSAL.
N... HER FOR EXPERIMENTATION. AND RUN HER THROUGH THE SHOWERS TWICE, PLEASE. LORD KNOWS WHAT SHE'S BROUGHT IN WITH


WHY WALK WHEN YOU CAN RIDE. RIGHT, MIKE?
I'M STILL WAITING, TY. WHAT'S AARON'S CONNECTION TO SPIDER-MAN?
AARON WAS HERE THE NIGHT SPIDER-MAN FIRST APPEARED. AUTO-CHECK-IN CONFIRMS THAT.
CYBERGENICS
VIRTUAL INREALITY
PSYCHOLOGISTICS
AND SINCE THEN... HE'S VANISHED. AS IF HE'S GONE INTO HIDING.
SOMETIMES YOU SIMPLY CAN'T IGNORE COINCIDENCE. IT WOULD BE FOOLISH, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH YEAH. VERY FOOLISH.
EXCEPT THAT I KNOW AARON TOOK A SWAN DIVE OUT THE LAB THE NIGHT EVERYTHING WENT DOWN.
SO EITHER STONE IS LYING AND TRYING TO TRICK ME, OR ELSE AARON [redacted] SOMEHOW AND IS RUNNING LOOSE KNOWING EVERYTHING ABOUT ME.
"I DON'T KNOW WHICH I LIKE LESS."
STOP HER! SHE GRABBED A GUN OFFA GUARD! GET HER BACK IN HERE!
FORGET IT! YOU'RE NOT RUNNING YOUR SICK EXPERIMENTS ON ME!

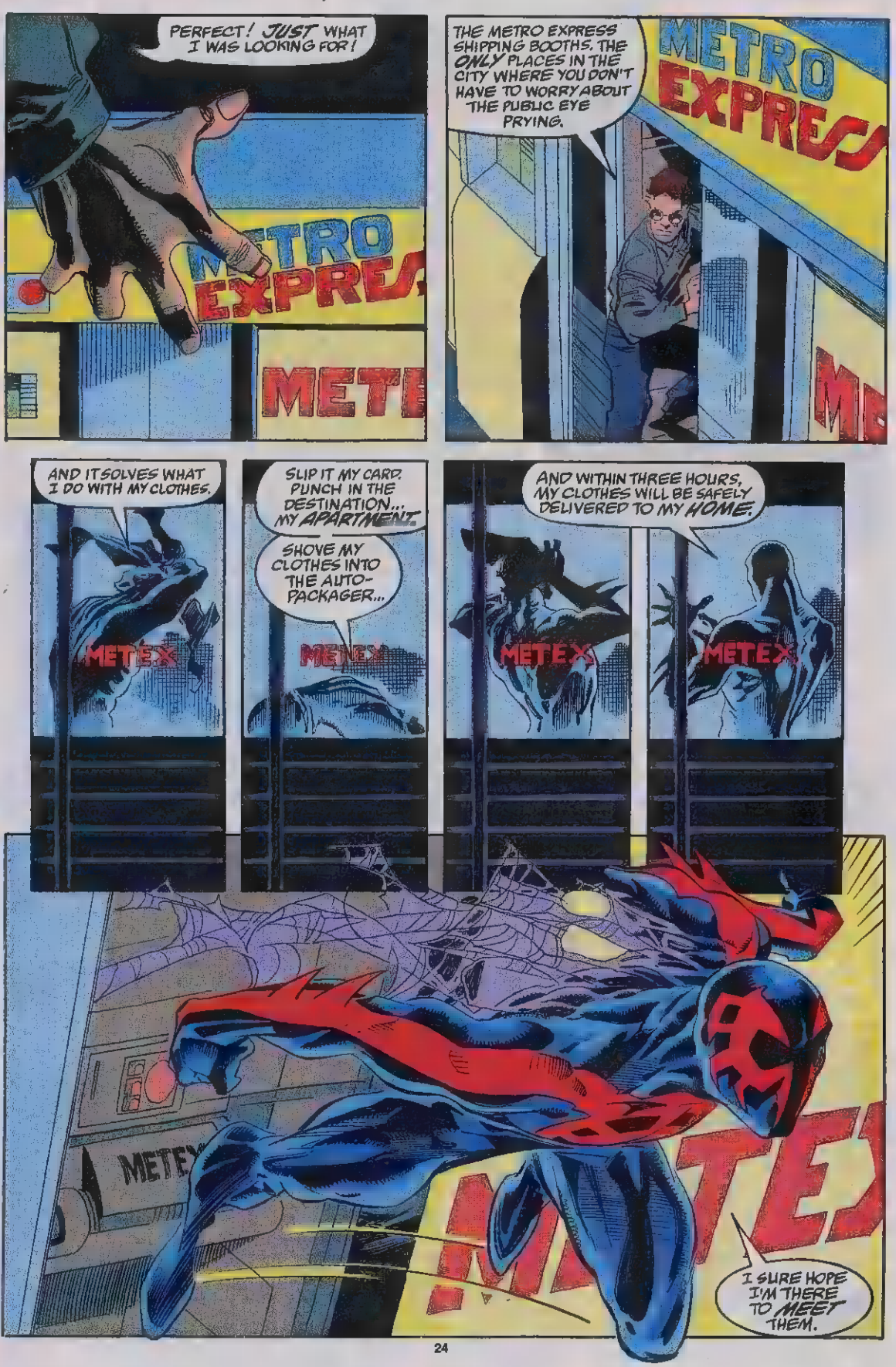
YOU GUYS! OUT OF THE SKUTTER! NOW!
SHOOT HER! THAT'S A DIRECT ORDER!
TOO SLOW!
ARRHHH!
TY!
S'MATTER? WORRIED ABOUT YOUR BOSS?
WELL... ACTUALLY, N--
HEY! LEGGO!
C'MON, LEMON. WE'RE LEAVING.
AW, GREAT! SQUEEZING MY ARM MADE ME SQUIRT WEBBING ON THE FLOOR!
NOBODY TRY TO FOLLOW US! OR HE GETS IT!
I'D REALLY, REALLY RATHER YOU KEPT IT.
DON'T LOOK DOWN. PLEEEEASE DON'T.
SECURITY! AFTER HER!
OOOOOF!


RESISTANCE SEEMS TO HAVE MELTED AWAY. YOU MUST BE SOME GOLDEN BOY, LEMON. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
MIGUEL. MIGUEL O'HARA.
MIG... O'HARA?
YOU... COULDN'T BE RELATED TO...
HOLD IT! IN THE HOLO... THAT WAS YOU! KASEY!
YOU'RE GABE'S SLIMEBALL BROTHER?!
IN THE SLIME.
THE PLACE YOU WORK FOR WAS GOING TO "EXPERIMENT" ON ME. BOUGHT OUT BY MY CRIMINAL RECORD.
HOW'D YOU PICK UP A RECORD?
I SPOKE UP. DESTROYED SOME PROPERTY. THESE DAYS, DESTROYING THE WRONG PROPERTY CAN BE FATAL. YOU THINK ABOUT THAT.


THINK ABOUT WHAT YOUR COMPANY WAS GOING TO DO TO THE WOMAN YOUR BROTHER LOVES. THAT BRING IT HOME FOR YOU?
HOLD IT. WAIT!

INCREDIBLE. GABE MANAGES TO HOOK UP WITH EVERY LOONY IN THE WHOLE SHOCKIN' CIT--
HUH?

ONE SIDE, PLEASE. THIS ONE DOES NOT WISH TO INJURE YOU DURING PURSUIT OF THE ESCAPED FELON.
IT'S HIM! THAT NUT GABE WAS TALKING ABOUT!
DOES THIS ONE KNOW YOU, SIR?
UH...NO. NO, I...
NO.
THAT IS MOST FORTUNATE.
AW, SHOCK. HE'S GONNA CATCH HER AND DRAG HER BACK TO ALCHEMAX, AND THEY'LL DO WHO-KNOWS-WHAT TO HER... JUST LIKE THEY DID TO SIMS.
MAYBE I CAN TALK TO SOMEONE. CONVINCE STONE HE SHOULD KICK HER LOOSE...
YEAH, SURE. AFTER SHE SHOT A GUARD, AND WHO KNOWS WHAT ELSE. BUT IF I DO NOTHING, HOW CAN I EVER LOOK GABRI IN THE EYES AGAIN?
WHAT WAS GABE SAYING? WITH GREAT POWER...
...MUST COME GREAT RESPONSIBILITY.
WRONG. COMPLETELY WRONG.
WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT GUILT.


PERFECT! JUST WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR!
METRO EXPRESS
METE
THE METRO EXPRESS SHIPPING BOOTHS. THE ONLY PLACES IN THE CITY WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THE PUBLIC EYE PRYING.
METRO EXPRESS
AND IT SOLVES WHAT I DO WITH MY CLOTHES.
METEX
SLIP IT MY CARD. PUNCH IN THE DESTINATION... MY APARTMENT.
SHOVE MY CLOTHES INTO THE AUTO-PACKAGER...
METEX
AND WITHIN THREE HOURS, MY CLOTHES WILL BE SAFELY DELIVERED TO MY HOME.
METEX
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METEX
I SURE HOPE I'M THERE TO MEET THEM.

YOUR FLIGHT IS [redacted] IRRITATING, KASEY NASH.
THIS ONE HAS CAPTURED YOU ONCE. CERTAINLY YOU DID NOT THINK YOU WOULD HAVE ANY GREATER SUCCESS W/ REPEATED [redacted] ATTEMPTS.
SHOCK YOU!
NOT A LIKELIHOOD.
THIS ONE IS UN-SHOCKABLE.
I DON'T [redacted] THIS?! THAT GUN DRILLED A GUARD...
BUT DIDN'T EVEN SLOW THIS GUY D--
WHOAA!
THIS ONE COULD JUST AS EASILY HAVE SLICED YOUR ARM APART, ALONG WITH YOUR GUN, KASEY NASH.
KNOW THAT.

# BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL COMICS

## TOM TALK

Hi-ho, true believer!

Welcome aboard the all-new **Bullpen Bulletins** page! It may not seem all that different, but take a look in about a week ... and another the week after that ... and the one after that ... and, well, you get the general idea!

Instead of a single **Bullpen Bulletins** each month, we intend to bring you a new dazzling display of this particular brand of Marvel mayhem every week!

Why are we suddenly providing you with four times the fun? (And quadrupling the workload of our already exhausted executive editor, **Mark Gruenwald**, and his harried helper, **Barry Dutter**!)

The pace of the world is steadily increasing! The fax has replaced the letter, and video phones are on our horizon! People want their information and entertainment faster than ever!

In an heroic effort to keep up with the ever-mounting demand, Marvel is producing even more epic thrills and chills each week! The sheer number of our peerless publications, the myriad avalanche of new formats, and the varied genres which appeal to all manner of tastes and age groups keep growing, and expanding! The good news is that the quality has never been better! We're so gosh-darn proud of our wondrous works that we don't want you to miss a single one of them!

It's our intention to use this pulse-pounding page to keep you updated on all of the newest developments and startling storylines occurring within the mighty Marvel Universe. We want to alert you to as many special events as possible so that you won't accidentally miss one because you weren't made aware of it!

We want Marvel to be the comic book company you've always wanted it to be! We want to entertain, excite and intrigue you! If you have any ideas on how we can improve this page, or anything else for that matter, please feel free to write and let us know!

Thanks for being there!

Tom D.

Just what we needed — more people to buy Christmas presents for! New editors have been multiplying here at Marvel faster than Madrox the Multiple Man!

The latest big gun in the Marvel rack is **Mort Todd**, fresh from his stint on *Cracked* magazine. We've always thought of Mort as a humorous, horrific, criminal-like rock and roll kind of guy, so we figured, why not have him start up a bunch of new magazines dealing with humor, horror, crime, and rock and roll? Naturally, his first project for us will be THE SCREWTAPE LETTERS, for our new religious line! We're not quite sure how he wound up with that one ...

Our next new warrior has already come and gone faster than a SPEEDBALL solo series. **Paula Foye**, formerly our publisher's secretary, lasted only a few short weeks as **Marie Javins**'s assistant, before being accepted at the prestigious New York University graduate school, where she is a film major. That's the alma mater of cinema mega-virtuoso Spike Lee, so maybe Paula will go on to make that long-awaited Malcolm X-Men movie. Taking over for Paula is ultra-academic **Kevin Somers**, a student of Antioch College, who says if he could be any Marvel super hero, it would be Video Jack. You need to get out more, Kevin ...

Let's have a nice'n'easy welcome for Fabian Nicieza's new assistant, **Carlos Lopez**, a graduate of Rhode Island College who still writes and draws a strip, "Antny and Muhree," for his school paper! Looks like we've got a future Marvel artist on our hands! Fabe and Carlos handle WONDER MAN, TEK WORLD, and stuff.

Another new page in the Marvel Universe Handbook is former intern **Karl Bollers**, now assisting associate editor **Chris Cooper** on such titles as PARAGON, ONYX OVERLORD, and soon, CAGE! Karl's haircut is kind of hard to describe, but let's just say that on more than one occasion, Karl has been told, "Look out! There's a tarantula on your head!"

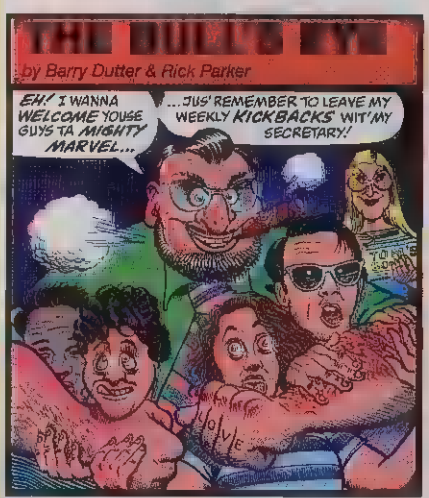
The latest new mutant in **Bob Harras**'s office is **Lisa Patrick**, formerly of our special events department. Lisa's favorite TV show is the X-MEN animated series, her favorite video game is the X-MEN game, she loves getting x-rays for fun, and her favorite kinds of movies ... er, well, you get the idea.

Another entry in the Marvel War Journal is a man who recently made the move from real books to funny books! **Glenn Greenberg** who came to us from Berkley Books to go to work for **Budiansky** Glenn describes himself as a student of the teachings of Howard Stern, and says that his favorite Monkee was Mike "the guy with the hat" Nesmith.

**Kelly Corvese**'s new assistant, **Jaye Gardner**, formerly of our sales department, is a new editorial hero for the nineties. Jaye says his favorite snack food is Hostess Ho-Hos, and describes himself as the youngest member of the Hair Club for Men.

The latest avenger to join our assemblage is **Lynaire Brust**, who will be joining the ultra-cosmic office of Craig Anderson, working on such projects as SILVER SURFER, GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY and WARLOCK AND THE INFINITY WATCH. Lynaire, who attended Marist College in Poughkeepsie, lists her favorite color as Gamora green.

Now that we've got all these new editors, you know what that means: that's right — we're going to have to start publishing more comics! And more comics from us means more choices for you! But hey, that's the kind of company we are!


THE BULL'S EYE
by Barry Dutter & Rick Parker
EH! I WANNA WELCOME YOUSE GUYS TA MIGHTY MARVEL...
...JUS' REMEMBER TO LEAVE MY WEEKLY KICKBACKS WIT' MY SECRETARY!

## HYPELINE: ON SALE THIS WEEK

- **WEST COAST #91:** Featuring a *big* change for Hawkeye!
- **CAGE #11:** Cage uncaged against the ruthless Rapidfire!
- **CAPTAIN AMERICA #412:** Cap uncapped against three super-villains!
- **DAREDEVIL #313:** We dare you to buy this issue! We double-dare you!
- **DARKHAWK #24:** Darkhawk vs. his evil twin,
- **MARVEL** DR.STRANGE: The magic is back!
- **MUTATIS #3 of 3:** It's got mutants in it, how bad could it be?
- **#35:** Written by Bob Harras! Doesn't he edit X-MEN?
- **NIGHTSTALKERS #4:** Against Hydra's D.O.A.!
- **NOMAD** Nomad vs. Red Wolf! Plus: Bucky vs. Lobo?
- **ORIGINAL GHOST RIDER #8:** Ol' Skull-Head is back! With a Ploog cover!
- **PUNISHER ARMORY #5:** Just in time for Christmas!
- **PUNISHER/BLACK** SPINNING DOOMSDAY'S WEB
- **STIMPY** Happy happy, joy joy!
- **REQUIEM FOR DRACULA #1:** Reprinting classic TOMB OF DRACULA tales!
- **SHE-HULK** Rocket Raccoon, lived in a spoon ... how'd that song go?
- **SPIDER-MAN** Guest-starring Doom 2099!
- **TERROR, INC.#8:** We knew him when his name Shreck!
- **UNCANNY MARVEL MILESTONE #1:** The reprint reprinted.
- **UNCANNY X-MEN #297:** X-cutioner's Song Aftermath!
- **WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #97:** Bloodrose! The Foreigner! Assassins galore!
- **WOLVERINE: FURY:** With stunning art by Bill Sienkiewicz!
- **WOLVERINE HARDCOVER GRAPHIC** WEAPON X: Reprinting the epic saga from MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS by Barry Windsor-Smith!

OKAY, MIGUEL... LEAD WITH YOUR HEAD...
...AND THAT DOESN'T MEAN USING IT FOR A PUNCHING BAG.
AND WHATEVER YOU DO, DO IT BEFORE HE NAILS CASEY AND CAN USE HER AS A HOSTAGE OR SHIELD.
I'VE GENERATED SMALL GLOBS OF WEBBING SO FAR. BUT IF I TENSE MY MUSCLES... SUSTAIN THE PRESSURE... MAYBE...
YES!! IT WORKED! I--
FWIZZ
Eh?
AW, SHOCK! I WAS AIMING FOR HIM, BUT ONLY GOT HIS BIKE!
BUT IF I CAN ANCHOR THE LINE...

UNH!
WHO DARES INTERFERE WITH A MISSION OF THE SPECIALIST?
SPEAK! OR IS YOUR TONGUE PARALYZED WITH TERROR?
WOW.
THIS STUFF'S STRONG.
RUN, LADY! LEAVE HIM TO ME!
NO...
...IT'S...
...NOT.
OOOOOF!

I'M DOING IT! I CAN TAKE THIS GUY! I MEAN, SHOCK IT... I TOOK VENTURE, AND HE WAS A CYBORG. THIS GUY'S JUST MEAT.
WAIT. THIS ONE KNOWS NOW. HE HAS HEARD TELL OF..
...THE SPIDER-MAN.
FAKE TO THE LEFT, AND THEN...
ACCKK!
HOW FORTUNATE THAT YOUR NAME OF BATTLE, AT LEAST, IS KNOWN TO THIS ONE.
ARRHHH!
IT WOULD NOT BE HONORABLE...
...TO KILL A MAN...
...WHO IS ANONYMOUS.
OOOOFF!
HOWEVER, A MAN OF HONOR DOES NOT HIDE HIS IDENTITY.
THIS ONE WILL MAKE YOU INTO AN HONORABLE MAN, BY REMOVING THAT MASK.
ONCE THIS ONE HAS SEEN THE FACE OF HIS ENEMY, HE MAY THEN KILL HIM IN A MANNER...
...BEFITTING A WARRIOR.
Next: "BLOOD OATH"

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## OUT OF MY HEAD

Dear Joey and Sarra,

It's late. I should be thinking about retiring to the comfort of my bed...but I can't. I read your *Out of My Head* editorial from SPIDER-MAN 2099 and had to respond immediately.

Your plea went out to us Marvel afficionados asking for suggestions for a fifth 2099 title. I have an idea worth looking into.

It seems that the Marvel readership at large can't get enough of these future titles. Naturally, you at Marvel cannot grant everyone's requests, nor can you please all with your character selections. What I propose is as near to a mass happy readership as you can get.

Make the fifth book not a new character, nor a single updated version of one popular hero (or different villain). Rather, use that title to spotlight a different character each month or each story arc. Imagine the endless possibilities of innovative new or updated characters and even different creative teams! The title could even be used to focus on supporting characters from the current 2099 titles.

A lot can be done when you're not limited to one character every month. You bigwigs at Marvel wanted to construct a new but related universe, right? Well, this could be a solid building block for just that. Just think, we could even be seeing the new vehicle for a new Avengers.

All I'm saying is, keep the Marvel spirit of originality alive and well into the year 2099! So what do you say, guys? Give it a try!

And what to call this fifth title? *2099 Spotlight? 2099 Showcase?*

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**How about *2099 Unlimited*? 'Cause that's just what we're calling it. Now that we've got the fifth book figured out, Tom tells us to start thinkin' about the *sixth*, Jim! Any more bright ideas, you guys?**

Heya, Spider-Folk,

I have to compliment you on the great job you guys are doing on SPIDER-MAN 2099! The premiere issue was a good solid introduction to the character. The writing in #2 was outstanding! The "cameo" appearance of May Parker on page 23 was great!

Do another villain title! I nearly flipped when I found out that Marvel's single greatest character was getting his own series! But how about a more evil villain, or a more rough n' tumble bad guy? Some good present-day examples would be Red Skull, or for a real challenge, try a Mephisto title!

What about mutants of the future? I think an *X-Men 2099* title would be cool!

SPIDEY 2099 presents interesting questions: What about immortals like Thor and Herc? They wouldn't die from natural causes, would they? Where are they?

Until Dr. Doom bites the dust, Make Mine Marvel!

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**Suggestion noted, Gary. As for the immortals, our multifarious plans are still under wraps...for now!**

Dear Futurists,

The concepts you've come up with, not only for this book, but the whole series, are terrific. It's an idea whose time has come.

After reading SPIDER-MAN 2099 #2, I'm hooked for life, as if I were on Rapture. I'm pleased that Miguel and his powers are entirely foreign to Peter Parker (and his alter-ego).

Art and scripting are superb, but with Peter and Rick, who could imagine otherwise?

Suggestions for a fifth book: I'd like to see Daredevil, but I think it should be a team. I'm not partial to mutants, so how about the F.F. or the Avengers?

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**We haven't established what 2099's mutants would be like, Jeff. Promise you won't rule 'em out if we don't rule out your other suggestions?**

Dear Mr. Cavalieri,

First, thanks to you and your staff for, coincidentally, naming the new Spider-Man after me. Well, the first name anyway. It was a very pleasant surprise to see a major new superhero with a Spanish name. Anyway, at the end of SPIDER-MAN 2099 #2 in a little thing called *Out of My Head* you thanked us for sticking with this new title long after the First-Issue-Collectors were gone and you posed a question. You said your boss was making you come out with a new 2099 title and you asked for ideas on what it should be. Well, Mr. Cavalieri, after much thinking, I do have an idea—GHOST RIDER 2099!!!

Ghost Rider is the Spirit of Vengeance and vengeance must always be served as long as innocent blood is spilled. The blend of science fiction, action and gadgetry with Ghost Rider's blend of old world charm, would cause a sensation unlike any other! Besides, John Blaze and Dan Ketch can't live forever, and our ghost with the most has to find a new human host sooner or later. So, why not show us what ol' G.R. does in the future? I know the public is dying to know! I know I'll buy it. So, until Stan Lee reveals to us he's really Bruce Lee's evil twin, Make Mine Marvel 2099!

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**Thanks for your enthusiasm, Miguel! You wouldn't happen to have a brother named Gabriel, or is that too much of a coincidence for real life?**

Dear 2099ers,

I commend you wacky guys at Marvel for coming up with another excellent idea for a comic. You guys are absolutely amazing!

I've read the first two issues of SPIDER-MAN 2099. Two thumbs up to Peter David, Rick Leonardi, and the rest of the crew on a job well done. Congratulations, guys, you've got a winner here!

Now my comments on the story. So far it's moving along very nicely. I especially like the fact that we discover Miguel O'Hara's new found powers. The only thing I don't like is that Miguel tells us how he got the powers. I would have liked it better if we discovered everything while it was really happening. I also like the way the dialogue flows throughout the story.

As for a new title to join the already awesome 2099 fleet, I cast my vote for Iron Man! Just think of all the possibilities his armor could have! He'd be unstoppable!

Until Wolverine does ginsu knife commercials, Make Mine Marvel! (And hey, there's an idea for a 2099 title—WOLVERINE.)

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**Hey, a fan from Joey's old neighborhood. Thanks for the idea, Peter! But we think Joey's gonna push for a story about Jackson Heights 2099!**

**NEXT ISSUE:** Spidey vs. the Specialist to the finish! Plus, Kasey and Gabe are in deep, deep trouble...and Spidey joins them there, literally, on the unforgettable last page of this epic!

### MORE OF MARVEL 2099

**RAVAGE 2099 #4** The most dangerous game is man...if that man is Ravage...and he's being hunted all over Hellrock by Mutroids with murderous intent! How will he get off that toxic isle alive?

**DOOM 2099 #3** A blockbuster battle for control of Latveria! And when you see Wire in solo action, we bet you'll demand to see him in his own book!

**PUNISHER 2099 #2** "The Mourning After" starts with a funeral for the family of Jake Gallows. It ends with the Punisher... and is an uncompromising look at 2099 in between!